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U.S. Team To Work With Russians on Joint Reactor

Device Would Be Fueled With Plutonium From Ex-Soviet Warheads

By William J. Broad
NEW YORK — Seeking a new path to East-West disarmament, Russian and American experts have agreed to team up to develop and build a new type of reactor fueled with plutonium from nuclear warheads to produce electricity. The \$1.5 billion reactor would be built in Russia and supplied at least partly with plutonium from Moscow's huge stockpile of scrapped nuclear arms.

The initiative, led by General Atomics of San Diego, requires up to \$100 million over five years from the U.S. government, which is studying the general idea of plutonium as fuel and, separately, whether to support the East-West reactor plan. The small reactor would be cooled by helium and is advertised as immune to meltdown.

Until the plan was unveiled Monday, excess plutonium from Russian nuclear disarmament was largely slated to be stored, leading some specialists to fear it could fall into unfriendly hands. The reactor plan is seen as offering an alternative path of disposal.

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Sarajevo, a Year Later: Survival Is the Main Job

By John F. Burns
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Determined to find something for her four young children to eat, Stanka Voloder set out one day last week and walked five miles to the barbed-wire perimeter of the United Nations headquarters here to rummage through the garbage. After a while, she found three rotting potatoes and an onion, walked home to the Bistrik district in the city center, and cooked her treasures over a wood fire.



A Sarajevo woman eating a bit of food she found while scavenging in rubble along the street in the battered Bosnian capital.

As she told her story later, Mrs. Voloder broke into tears. "Oh help me, please help me," she said over and over as she stood in Sarajevo's central market, clutching a bedroll wrapped in plastic and stamped with the blue-and-yellow flag of the European Community. The bedroll was part of a handout of relief supplies to families in Bistrik, and Mrs. Voloder was hoping somebody would buy it for 10 German marks (about \$6.25), so that she could buy more food.

Buildings punctured by shellfire and burned to charcoal. After months of heavy shelling and gunfire from Serbian nationalist batteries on the surrounding mountains, the scale of destruction is so great that many residents have abandoned thoughts of how the city could be rebuilt and resolved to escape one day and flee Bosnia altogether. Although most countries in Europe are tightening their immigration controls to keep out a flood of more than 1.6 million Bosnian refugees, virtually everyone here who speaks with foreigners, from lawyers to cab drivers, asks sooner or later about help in getting resettled abroad.

In the meantime, surviving is a full-time preoccupation in a city where it has become commonplace to say that Sarajevo has been bombarded back into the Middle Ages. Like Mrs. Voloder, whose husband spends weeks at a time as a draftee "at the front," in sordid trenches on Trebevic Mountain guarding against Serbian infantry attacks, tens of thousands of people in Sarajevo — and others like them all across this devastated republic — spend their days struggling to summon up the energy and ingenuity for a disappearing round of foraging for food, water and firewood.

For most people, about the only thing left to celebrate is that they are still alive, even if many of their relatives and friends are not. "Ziv sam," ("I'm alive") has become a sort of mantra for people weighed down by cares, a common way of punctuating conversations about how all else — home, job, hope — has been lost. Statistically, at least in Sarajevo and in other predominantly Muslim centers under siege in Bosnia, life is a fragile thing, easily lost in an instant to a sniper's bullet or a shell.

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UN's Efforts In Bosnia Hit With a Pair Of Setbacks

Refugee Rescue Fails And Muslims Boycott A Cease-Fire Meeting

By David B. Ottaway
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — United Nations peacekeeping efforts were dealt a double blow Tuesday as an attempt failed to rescue thousands of Muslim refugees surrounded by Serbian forces in eastern Bosnia and the Muslim-led government refused to attend a meeting of the three warring factions to discuss consolidation of a tenuous cease-fire.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees had planned to begin Tuesday the evacuation of up to 15,000 Muslim refugees trapped in the Serb-besieged town of Srebrenica. But when a 19-track convoy arrived there — with no problems from the Serbian side — local Muslim authorities refused to allow any to leave.

It was the second time they blocked their departure, angry over what they see as the United Nations' assistance to the Serbian campaign to drive all Muslims out of eastern Bosnia to make way for its incorporation into a "greater Serbia." They reportedly also fear that once most of the civilian population leaves, international pressure on the Serbs to halt their advance on the town will cease.

Miyazawa Choice of Foreign Minister Sets Off a Fight

By James Sterngold
TOKYO — One week before Japan is to be host of a high-level international conference on providing aid to Russia, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa decided to name a relative newcomer to international affairs to replace his ailing foreign minister, setting off an intense power struggle in the governing party.

The decision Tuesday is not expected to alter significantly Japan's cautious foreign policy, but some commentators said it could make it more difficult for Japan to break from its old policy of reluctantly providing aid to Russia and to establish a new course as a leader in efforts to encourage reform in the former Soviet Union.

After a day of furious speculation and mis-cues, Mr. Miyazawa decided to name Kabun Mito, 66, a stalwart of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, to replace Michio Watanabe, a colorful and plain-spoken political veteran who resisted stepping down but whose health has been deteriorating since he had surgery last year. The appointment is not expected to be made official until Wednesday.

Mr. Mito is from the same faction of the governing Liberal Democratic Party as Mr. Watanabe, so his appointment preserves the tenuous balance of power in Mr. Miyazawa's cabinet. But because of his lack of experience he formerly held the posts of minister of agriculture and of international trade and industry — Mr. Mito was regarded as something of a caretaker rather than an aggressive shaper of foreign policy.

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Klosk Clinton Pressures Libya on Suspects

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton warned Libya on Tuesday that tougher sanctions were inevitable unless it complied with a UN resolution and handed over two men accused of the fatal 1988 bombing of an airliner over Scotland.

Main Medicare Fund Heads for Bankruptcy

A Clinton administration report warned Tuesday that Medicare's primary trust fund, which finances hospital care for 35 million elderly and disabled people, would run out of money in 1999. (Page 3)

In South Africa, a popular cartoon strip deals with the inequities of apartheid. Page 2. Germany warned tourists to use caution in Miami after murders and nuggings. Page 5.

Daimler-Benz, still struggling to diversify, saw its 1992 profit plunge. Page 11.

Dow Jones	Down 1.62
Trib Index	Down 0.80%
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Yan	1.5153
FF	113.95
FF	5.455



FRENCH POWER PLAY — Michel Rocard at Socialist Party offices Tuesday to take the leadership post. Brooding looms after he won control of the party. Page 2.

From the U.S., With Peace

No Club Med, Volunteer in Russia Finds

By Steven Erlanger
SARATOV, Russia — Charles Bennett, West Point, Class of 1962, trained as a navigator-bombardier on a B-52, preparing to drop nuclear bombs on the Soviet Union. Today, at 54, he is a Peace Corps volunteer in the small city of Kamyshtin on the Volga, teaching Russians how to create small businesses in a market economy.

Mr. Bennett is an example of the help that the United States has already provided. Still military trim, he came from Salem, Oregon, one of the first Peace Corps volunteers sent to Russia. Two offices have been set up under the program, which is a result of President Boris N. Yeltsin's visit to Washington last June.

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Eagerly, Chinese Take Capitalist Plunge

By Nicholas D. Kristof
YANTAI, China — Happily married, his career flourishing, a middle-class official named Lu Zhoutai, 31, abruptly decided last August to "xia hai," or plunge into the sea.

Officials for abandoning their posts to the temptations of capitalism. More fundamentally, the rush to plunge into the sea reflects the growing sense among China's elite that power and comfort and prestige in the coming years will no longer derive from political position, but rather from hard cash.

restaurants to placing Chinese laborers in foreign jobs. The company turned a profit of \$219,000 in the four months it was operating last year, and this year Mr. Lu is expecting a profit of almost \$1 million.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Clinton Says Israel Has Done 'Enough' On Deportee Issue

By Elaine Sciolino
WASHINGTON — In his first meeting with an Arab leader, President Bill Clinton rebuffed on Tuesday a proposal by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to ask Israel to accelerate the return of 400 Palestinians deported from Israel...



Cartoon Gets Under Apartheid's Skin

By Bill Keller
JOHANNESBURG — Gwen Anderson is a suburban matron, a white liberal who once darkened her skin with shoe polish to, as she put it, "bravely experience what it means to be a black woman in South Africa..."

Mudslinging Mires France's Socialists

By Alan Riding
PARIS — One week after France's Socialist prime minister handed over office to his conservative successor in a quiet and dignified ceremony, a far more bitter transfer of power took place Tuesday amid the ruins of the country's once-powerful Socialist Party...



Wales Plans Visit to U.S.
WARSAW — President Lech Walesa of Poland will visit the United States April 21-23 and meet with President Bill Clinton, the Polish president's office announced Tuesday.

Will a Spanish Party Go Way of French?

By Barry James
The crisis in the French Socialist Party following a humiliating election defeat is proving a grim omen for Spanish Socialists...

Yeltsin Foe Calls for Cabinet Shuffle

MOSCOW (AFP) — Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi said Tuesday that the pro-reform Russian government needed to revive the centrally planned economy and reshuffle its ministers to avert chaos...

Chinese Plane Hijacked to Taiwan

BEIJING (NYT) — Two men armed with pistols hijacked a Chinese passenger airliner Tuesday to Taiwan, presenting the authorities in both Beijing and Taipei with a new challenge just a day before they begin new talks intended to ease mutual hostility...

Disgust Over Scandals Rises in Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) — Most Japanese believe political corruption has reached an extreme level, according to a nationwide poll published by the newspaper Asahi Shimbun on Tuesday...

UN Vows Cambodia Vote to Proceed

BANGKOK (AFP) — The United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, said Tuesday that UN-run elections in Cambodia set for May 23-27 would go ahead despite the increasingly unstable situation...

Marine Guilty in Somalia Shooting

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Reuters) — A court martial found a Marine sergeant guilty of aggravated assault on Tuesday for shooting and wounding two Somalis when one of them tried to steal his sunglasses...

Nagorno-Karabakh Talks Collapse

MOSCOW (AFP) — Informal peace talks in Geneva to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict collapsed Tuesday as Armenian forces consolidated their hold on the strategic Lachin corridor...

Correction

Because of a technical error, the final paragraphs were omitted from Reginald Dale's column Tuesday in the Business and Finance pages. The column should have concluded as follows:

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France said that it was cancelling most of its flights Wednesday from Orly Airport outside of Paris because of a continuing strike by ground staff. But the national airline said it had made arrangements with other airlines serving the Antilles and North Africa to take Air France passengers from canceled flights...

Vinocur Gets Additional Post

NEW YORK — John Vinocur, executive editor of the International Herald Tribune, has been named to the additional post of vice president of the newspaper...

Japan to Clinton: Yes, We Have No Confusion

TOKYO — Japan had a blunt message for President Bill Clinton on Tuesday: "When we say yes, you can take our word for it." Masamichi Hanabusa, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, delivered that comment in response to a reported remark by Mr. Clinton to President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia that Japan did not always mean what it said...

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Bill Clinton/Agence France Press

AND ON HARMONICA, IT'S... — Ronald Reagan serenading some VIP visitors during a tour of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs in Simi Valley, California. From left with the former president are Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, Mrs. Mulroney and Mrs. Reagan. Mr. Reagan said he once relaxed by playing the harmonica in the Oval Office.

Clinton Moves to Lift a Ban on Abortion

By Stephen Barr
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — In another reversal of Reagan-Bush policies, the Clinton administration is proposing to allow federal employee health insurance plans to offer coverage for abortions.

Under a decade-long ban, health insurance coverage for abortions has been allowed only if a woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy. The strict ban has been enforced by a provision attached to the Treasury Department-Postal Service appropriations bill.

The provision has been proposed for inclusion in President Bill Clinton's budget, which is scheduled for release Thursday, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget said.

"The budget will also say that the administration will work with the Congress to develop an approach that is consistent with federal and state laws," the spokesman said.

The decision is the latest in a series the Clinton administration has taken to break with Reagan-Bush abortion policies. Two days after taking office, Mr. Clinton overturned five abortion restrictions, including the "gag rule," which had prevented abortion counseling by anyone but physicians at federally funded clinics.

More recently, the administration indicated it would not seek reauthorization of the Hyde Amendment, named for Representative Henry Hyde, Republican of Illinois, which forbids the use of Medicaid money to pay for abortions.

Carolyn Kroon, president of an association of female federal workers, applauded Mr. Clinton's decision, saying the ban discriminated against women in the civil service and their female dependents by denying them access to complete health care coverage.

Under the ban, abortions are not covered for any reason except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

The ban also forbids the use of federal funds to pay administrative expenses "in connection with any health plan under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program which provides any benefits or coverage for abortions."

The President Takes His Lumps He Woos Foes on Jobs Bill, but Gets in Licks

By Gwen Ifill
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton, still bruised from the Republican battering he received in Congress and anxious for a face-saving compromise, said Tuesday he planned to "address some of the legitimate expressed objections" to his economic stimulus package while Congress was on its spring recess.

But there seemed to be little other evidence that the filibuster logjam that has stymied the president is abating, even as Mr. Clinton continued his tough talk about the motives of the recalcitrant Republicans who have blocked passage of the \$16.3 billion proposal.

"You know, we have a system in this country where people, all of whom have jobs, the minority of the senators who all have jobs, can literally thwart majority rule," Mr. Clinton said during a White House press conference.

Privately, however, administration officials spent the bulk of their day casting about for a solution to the stinging and successful rebuff dealt them by Republicans who had been feeling ignored and humiliated by the majority party for weeks.

Some White House advisers con-

ceded that they had already lost the first public relations round, a co-op supported by the latest New York Times/CBS News poll documenting the slide in public opinion. In that survey, conducted last week, 45 percent of the 1,368 people polled said the economic plan would help the nation, down from the 53 percent who said the same thing one month earlier.

One measure of the political anxiety oozing from the White House is that Democrats in Congress have already begun muttering recriminations over the administration's handling of the Republican counter-offensive.

While they lead the charge for a palatable compromise, many have begun accusing the White House of a victor's arrogance as well as a fundamental misunderstanding of Senate politics.

"This is ominous for a lot of other things," said an aide to a prominent Senate Democrat. "If the Republicans are in a position this early in his term to take on a guy who's just been elected, after their own guy had been resoundingly rejected, that's not a good sign for when the tough votes come."

The White House was also clearly surprised at the vehemence of the Republican attack. After conserva-

tive Democrats insisted, it agreed to sell the economic plan in stages by first pushing through a budget resolution that emphasized deficit reduction, and then moving on to sell a spending bill by defining it as a jobs-creation package.

Administration officials stuck doggedly to this approach throughout the day Tuesday, as members of the Senate returned to their home districts to test the political waters on their actions.

"The American people overwhelmingly support measures to create more jobs to get this economy moving again," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary.

But she added that there was no "line in the sand" against compromise.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Ready for Health-Care Changes, Poll Finds

NEW YORK — Fired by a sense of crisis, a majority of Americans say they are willing to accept substantial changes in their health-care system, including government price controls, new taxes and longer waits for nonemergency appointments, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll.

They have high expectations for President Bill Clinton's promised health-care plan, the poll found, and they consider changes in health care an issue at least as urgent as the federal deficit, which is near the top of the public's agenda.

A majority of Americans seem ready for far more government involvement in the health-care system if that involvement can control costs and guarantee coverage for all, the poll shows.

Still, the survey found numerous signs of confusion and ambivalence toward some of the trade-offs that health-care reform may mean; as a result, it is a rough sketch of the challenge facing the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who heads the task force on health care. The group has been expected to produce a plan in May.

While crucial decisions have yet to be made, Mr. Clinton has said he favors an approach known as managed competition, under which doctors and patients would be encouraged to join health-maintenance organizations or similar prepaid plans, which provide a range of services for fixed monthly premiums. In effect, Americans would accept greater limits on their choice of doctors in return for lower costs and security of coverage.

A majority in the poll said they would accept, in general, restrictions on their choice of a doctor if it brought those benefits. But most also said they had a doctor now whom they considered their own, and a majority said they would pay extra to keep that doctor.

And, while most Americans say their health-care system was in a crisis because of rising costs, an overwhelming majority — 74 percent — said they were satisfied with the quality of their care. This held true regardless of sex, race or income.

Such findings suggest the political conundrum that some analysts see at the heart of the health-care debate: The public wants the current quality of care, at a lower cost and with the assurance that they will never lose it.

The nationwide telephone poll of 1,368 adults was conducted March 28-31 and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points. (NYT)

Does the Press Understand Hillary Clinton?

WASHINGTON — Confused about Hillary Rodham Clinton? Loving wife and mother? First hostess with the mostest? Dynastio superwoman lawyer and health czar? All of the above?

Well, you must be in the media. According to a discussion involving 40 journalists, political consultants and writers at the Freedom Forum, all women, the only people who do not understand Mrs. Clinton's juggling act are white men loath to give up power and envious women reporters who write snotty stories.

Marian Burros of The New York Times, one of the few reporters to have interviewed Mrs. Clinton, said a lot of women were "afraid" of somebody "that strong, that good, that powerful." Ms. Burros, who covers food and nutrition, said, "I think there's an enormous amount of jealousy among my fellow reporters, who sometimes shock me with their response to her."

Leslie Mill, a writer with Washingtonian magazine, said, "I think a lot of editors still like stories about successful men and sick women."

The session, sponsored by Women, Men & Media, was filled with news organizations bashing news organizations and women bashing men and women. There was little serious consideration that the confusion may come from Mrs. Clinton herself, although that is the opinion of one participant who knows the Clintons well: Betsy Wright, President Clinton's former chief of staff.

"We have to be sensitive to the fact that Hillary is also operating without precedent in many ways," said Ms. Wright, now with the Weiler Group. "My guess is that life is very confusing for her also." She is first lady, said Ms. Wright, but trying to expand that role in a way that is more consistent with her professional identity. (WP)

Quote / Unquote

President Clinton on the Senate Republicans' filibuster of his economic stimulus bill: "It means that for political purposes, they are willing to deny jobs to places like Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Cleveland and Seattle." (AP)

Away From Politics

• The Department of Justice has appealed the decision by a federal judge in Los Angeles last June that declared unconstitutional the so-called decency standard, which required the National Endowment for the Arts to "take into consideration general standards of decency" when awarding grants. The Bush administration had filed a notice of intent to appeal, but arts groups had generally believed that the election of Bill Clinton had effectively killed the issue.

• The launching of the shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a mission to study the Earth's thinning ozone layer, was halted 11 seconds before lift-off. It was the second aborted launching in two weeks for the shuttle program.

• Pope John Paul II named Bishop Michael Sheehan of Lubbock, Texas, as administrator for the archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe's archbishop, Robert Sanchez, resigned last month after five women said they had sexual intercourse with him.

• Jurors in the Rodney King beating trial in Los Angeles are likely to start deliberating the fate of the four accused police officers next weekend, the judge said.

• The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is ordering only a slight increase in fuel efficiency for 1995 light trucks. The agency announced a corporate average fuel economy standard at 20.6 miles a gallon for model year 1995 light trucks.

• Nearly 5,000 discrimination complaints have poured into federal agencies since the Americans With Disabilities Act first took effect in January 1992, with the bulk of claims coming from people who believe they were wrongly dismissed from a job, according to a report assessing the law's impact.

• Earth's Arctic tundra regions and northernmost forests are no longer absorbing carbon dioxide but are instead releasing it into the atmosphere, possibly accelerating global warming, scientists from San Diego State University have discovered. The change is a reversal of tons of natural history.

NTT, Reuters, AP, WP, LAT

Chief Medicare Fund To Be Broke by '99, U.S. Report Warns

By Robert Pear
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration warned Tuesday that Medicare's primary trust fund, which finances hospital care for 35 million elderly and disabled people, would run out of money in 1999.

The trustees report underlines a problem facing the administration. President Bill Clinton is drafting an ambitious proposal to overhaul the nation's health-care system and guarantee coverage for all Americans, at an estimated cost of \$30 billion to \$50 billion a year. Administration officials have said they want to expand coverage of long-term care and begin covering the costs of prescription drugs.

But, as the Medicare trustees reported, the government does not have the means to pay for the health-care commitments it has already made.

The financial condition of Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund has deteriorated since April of last year, when the Bush administration predicted that it would be exhausted in 2002.

The trustees said the Medicare hospital program was "unsustainable in its present form." They did not say how the government could control Medicare costs or increase revenues to keep the program in operation.

One of the trustees, Donna E. Shalala, the secretary of health and human services, said: "These new estimates show a significant worsening in the economic health of the Medicare program. They reflect many of the problems that we see across the board in our health-care system today, and they are another demonstration of the need for systemwide change."

A major goal of Mr. Clinton's overall health-care plan is to control medical costs. In the last decade, Medicare has adopted fee schedules for hospitals and doctors to slow the growth of Medicare spending, and by most accounts these measures have been effective. But Medicare outlays continue to rise for many reasons, including an increase in the number of beneficiaries and greater use of costly technology.

Three of the five trustees are cabinet officers. The others are not government employees and are supposed to represent the public interest. In a separate statement, the public trustees urged Congress to "address the need for fundamental reform" of Medicare as part of its overall effort to revamp the health-care system. But they did not give details.

In a separate report, the administration said that the Social Security trust fund that pays retirement and survivor benefits would be in sound financial condition for about 50 years. But it said that another Social Security trust fund, which pays disability benefits, would run out of money in two years.

To deal with this problem, the administration suggested reallocating payroll taxes so that some of the money earmarked for retirement benefits would be deposited in the disability trust fund. Congress would need to pass legislation to make such a change. But there is no need to increase the overall Social Security tax rate, and the reallocation of money would not endanger the solvency of the retirees' fund, the trustees said.

Analyzing the future of Medicare, the trustees observed that there are now four workers for each Medicare beneficiary. By the middle of the next century, they said, the ratio will be 2 to 1. But, they warned, Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund will run out of money "even before the major demographic shift begins to occur."

Clinton is invited to Kuwait

KUWAIT — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad al Sabah, has invited President Bill Clinton to visit the emirate, the official Kuwaiti press agency, KUNA, reported on Tuesday.

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SIEGE: Sarajevo's Year of Agony

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Sarajevo. An additional 2,500 Bosnian soldiers have died in the siege of the Bosnian capital, the military authorities here say. That would produce a death toll of 11,000 for Sarajevo...

ethnic tolerance and a shared destiny that many here thought had taken root in the period after World War II. The relative harmony of the postwar period was attributed to the Communist system imposed in the reconstituted Yugoslavia by Marshal Tito and to the Western liberal ideal that permeated the nation's consciousness through film, television and tourism.

Panic Time at Serbia's High-Rolling, Mystery, Lifeline Bank

By Roger Cohen

NEW YORK Times Service BELGRADE — Panic has set in among the depositors at Serbia's largest private bank, a mysterious institution run by a woman who has become known as the Balkan Rothschild and whose activities have been central to the survival of the hard-line Serbian government.

repercussions for Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia. "Everybody is extremely worried," said Dejan Ilic, an engineering student who was one of thousands attracted to the bank by very high interest rates.

Dafinment Bank's lucrative foreign operations may be curbed. Mr. Milosevic has a deep interest in allying the bank: Miss Milosevic, 51, an accountant who emerged from obscurity at the beginning of the Balkan fighting, has become a power behind the Serbian president's throne. She founded Dafinment Bank in 1991.

By offering monthly interest of up to 15 percent on deposits in dollars or marks, Dafinment Bank has cushioned Yugoslavia's economic disintegration under UN sanctions. The truncated Yugoslavia now comprises only Serbia and Montenegro.

notoriously extravagant: She recently presented a new Mercedes-Benz to the doctor who delivered her daughter's baby. When depositors became nervous early last year, she summoned television crews to film sales piled with Swiss francs, marks and dollars — a stunt she has not repeated.

No Charges Expected for U.S. Doctor Who Aided Suicide

The Associated Press

DETROIT — A prosecutor said that he did not expect to file charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian for helping with the suicide of an elderly man, despite the discovery of a document indicating the man may have changed his mind at the last minute.

rection of not issuing charges," the Macomb County prosecutor, Carl Marlinga, said. Mr. Marlinga said earlier that he was delaying his report pending final test results on the machinery used in death of Hugh Gale, 70.

trash of a Kevorkian aide appeared to say Mr. Gale twice told those with him to take the mask off, but it was left in place the second time. Dr. Kevorkian said the document was thrown out because a typing error repeated the reference. Mr. Gale's widow said her husband did not try to stop the suicide.

pulled the document from the trash. Dr. Kevorkian has helped 15 people die since June 1990. He was charged with murder in his first case-file line they broke in January to reclaim sites they say are vital to the Croatian economy.

BOSNIA: Double Setback for UN

(Continued from page 1)

at a special session on Saturday. Under the agreement, Croatian forces will withdraw behind a 1992 cease-fire line they broke in January to reclaim sites they say are vital to the Croatian economy.

ter the United States from seeking tougher sanctions, Reuters reported from Washington. Mr. Milosevic, in an interview with The Washington Post, praised Mr. Clinton's policies, saying "I appreciate very much that the U.S. will not be the world policeman, to put everything in order in [its] own view."

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Bonn Issues Tourist Warning On Miami

Agence France-Press
BONN — The Foreign Ministry issued safety advice Tuesday for German tourists traveling to Florida, designating greater Miami a risk zone after the murder of three Germans there in the last five months.

A Blow to Tourism

Peter Applebone of The New York Times reported earlier from Miami:
When Barbara Jensen Meller, a German tourist just off a plane from Berlin, headed toward the warm ocean breezes of Miami Beach in a rented car, she did not know just how close one of the most alluring places in America could be to the most hellish.

Mrs. Jensen, 39, traveling with her two young children and her mother, became lost on the way to her hotel and found herself in a slum area just off Interstate 95. When her car was bumped by another, she got out to inspect the damage. The two men in the second car then robbed, beat and ran over her, leaving her dead. The police said they have no suspects.

It was the sixth murder of a foreign tourist in Florida since December and has sent tourism officials scrambling for ways to stem the \$28-billion-a-year industry, Florida's biggest, that depends on them.

On Monday, Gunther Huck of Neustadt, Germany, and his fiancée, Barbara Tarrach, were assaulted by two men as they picked up their rental car at an agency in Fort Lauderdale. The men tried to grab Mr. Huck's purse, but he fought them off and they fled without it.

Mr. Huck suffered injuries to his hands but did not have to be hospitalized.

Also Monday, three Danish women were assaulted in Miami's Overtown neighborhood when they took a wrong turn into the high-crime area as they drove their rental car from Miami airport to their Miami Beach hotel.

The attacks have underscored just how vulnerable foreigners can be in America. Last year 45 million foreign visitors spent \$72 billion in the United States and accounted for nearly all the national increase in tourism spending, according to the Travel Industry Association of America.

Mrs. Jensen's husband, Christian, who flew to Miami, said he was shocked both by the sheer violence and by how little information she had been given when she rented the car.

"They just gave her a map — nothing about the streets she should avoid and nothing about the bumping of cars or how not to get out of the car," he said. "We are not used to that kind of crime in Germany."



CRASH IN GUATEMALA — A jetliner of the Salvadoran carrier TACA International Airlines sitting amid the wreckage of two houses after it ran off a runway on landing at Guatemala City's international airport Monday with 215 people aboard. Officials reported several dozen injuries. The Boeing 767-200 had taken off from San Salvador and was to have gone on to Los Angeles.

U.S. to Investigate Cairo Terror Alerts

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton said Tuesday that he had ordered a thorough investigation to determine whether U.S. law enforcement agencies could have prevented the bombing of the World Trade Center on the basis of warnings from Egypt.

Speaking at a joint press conference with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Mr. Clinton acknowledged that Egyptian officials had passed on information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation about dangers posed by Muslim fundamentalists in the United States.

The president said he could not yet say whether the Feb. 26 bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000 could have been averted. "I have ordered a complete review of what was told to us" by the Egyptians.

Suspects in the case are believed to have connections with fundamentalist Muslims in the United States. But no evidence has been presented that religious zeal was the main motivation.

President Mubarak said the Egyptians had "no definite information on the World Trade Center" and that "no one knew beforehand that something would happen to the World Trade Center. Definite information we haven't."

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Mubarak were asked about the case following the State Department's confirmation that Egyptian authorities had given the Americans repeated warnings in the months before the World Trade Center bombing about an Islamic fundamentalist network in the United States.

The State Department sought to emphasize that Egypt had not relayed information about specific planned acts of terrorism.

The last of the warnings was made to FBI agents during a five-day meeting in Cairo less than three weeks before the blast, the State Department said.

The American comments came in response to an earlier assertion by President Mubarak that the attack could have been prevented if his country's warnings had been heeded. While not directly disputing Mr. Mubarak, the State Department called attention to its suggestion that the information provided by Egypt related only generally to individuals in the United States.

"As President Mubarak himself had said, Egypt did not pass any specific information on planned acts of terrorism in the United States in the context of those discussions," said Richard A. Boucher, the State Department spokesman.

Mr. Boucher's confirmation of talks between Egyptian and U.S. officials provided the clearest indication to date of the extent to which Cairo may have sought to coovertly its concern about the Islamic fundamentalists active in New York and New Jersey mosques. In the most recent meeting, he said, FBI agents traveled to Cairo.

Mr. Boucher refused to discuss the details of the talks. But other administration officials said Egyptian officials had expressed particular concern about Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and his followers, and said the FBI participation reflected that a primary subject of the meeting was the potential for terrorism in the United States.

AMERICAN TOPICS

A Gum You'll Want The Kids to Chew

A new chewing gum that stops cavities instead of starting them may be on the market as early as next year, and probably by 1996 at the latest. It was developed by Ming S. Tung, a chemist at the National Institute of Standards at Gaithersburg, Maryland. The key ingredient is calcium phosphate: the gum helps repair enamel before cavities develop.

Researchers have tried for more than 30 years to put this compound in toothpaste and chewing gum, but have had trouble making it dissolve. After working on the problem for seven years, Mr. Tung found a calcium phosphate material that can dissolve quickly and be dispersed into the teeth. His discovery was backed by \$1.5 million in funds from Mr. Tung's own agency and by the American Dental Association Health Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Cavities are caused when bacteria in the mouth digest sugar and produce acid, which dissolves tooth enamel. Normally, saliva contains enough calcium phosphate to repair the damage. Trouble occurs when people consume more sugar and generate more acid than the saliva can fight.

"So we say, 'Let's give saliva a hand,'" Mr. Tung said. "It's too optimistic to think it can repair big cavities." The gum will be manufactured under exclusive license by Enamelon Inc. of New York.

Arthur Higbee

Cult Offers Hints, but No Movement

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Service
WACO, Texas — Federal authorities said they had lost faith in the cult leader David Koresh's reported fixation with Passover as the event that would end the nearly six-week armed standoff here. But they said they may have to wait seven or eight days before trying any new tactic to end the siege.

Two of the Branch Davidians' lawyers had predicted that the standoff may end after Passover, which according to Jewish tradition began Monday evening and lasts for seven days.

But an FBI spokesman, Richard Swensen, said: "After Passover" can be an indefinite period of time. I don't have any faith whatsoever in any specific time frame that Davidists laid."

Mr. Swensen said he did not know whether, for the cultists, Passover lasts seven or eight days, and added, "We're frankly still up in the air as to even when Passover begins to David."

Mr. Swensen said federal negotiators probably would initiate talks with the Davidians during Passover, however long it lasts. But Mr. Zimmerman and Dick DeGuerin, the Houston attorney who represents Mr. Koresh, said they would not return to the compound until called by the cultists when they are ready to leave.

The Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists, a splinter group from which the Branch Davidians broke, issued a statement advising reporters here not to "expect or predict anything apocalyptic to transpire during this Passover week. The Destroying Angel will not pass over during this Passover week."

Norman Archer, chairman of the group's Waco headquarters, said Mr. Koresh's group observes Passover until sunset April 12. His sect, he said, does not observe Passover, but believes that, during some future Passover week, the Destroying Angel will "slay the wicked" as a prelude to the return of Christ.

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China Blocks UN Action on Korea

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Fears of a Chinese veto scuttled plans Tuesday for a Security Council resolution...

Prosecutors In Italy Cast Wider Net

ROME — The personal secretary of former Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani was arrested Tuesday...

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The five volunteers in Saratov have set up a small-business advice center on the sixth floor of a government building...

JAPAN: Power Struggle

Mr. Watanabe, 69, was outspoken and had the political influence to press his viewpoint...

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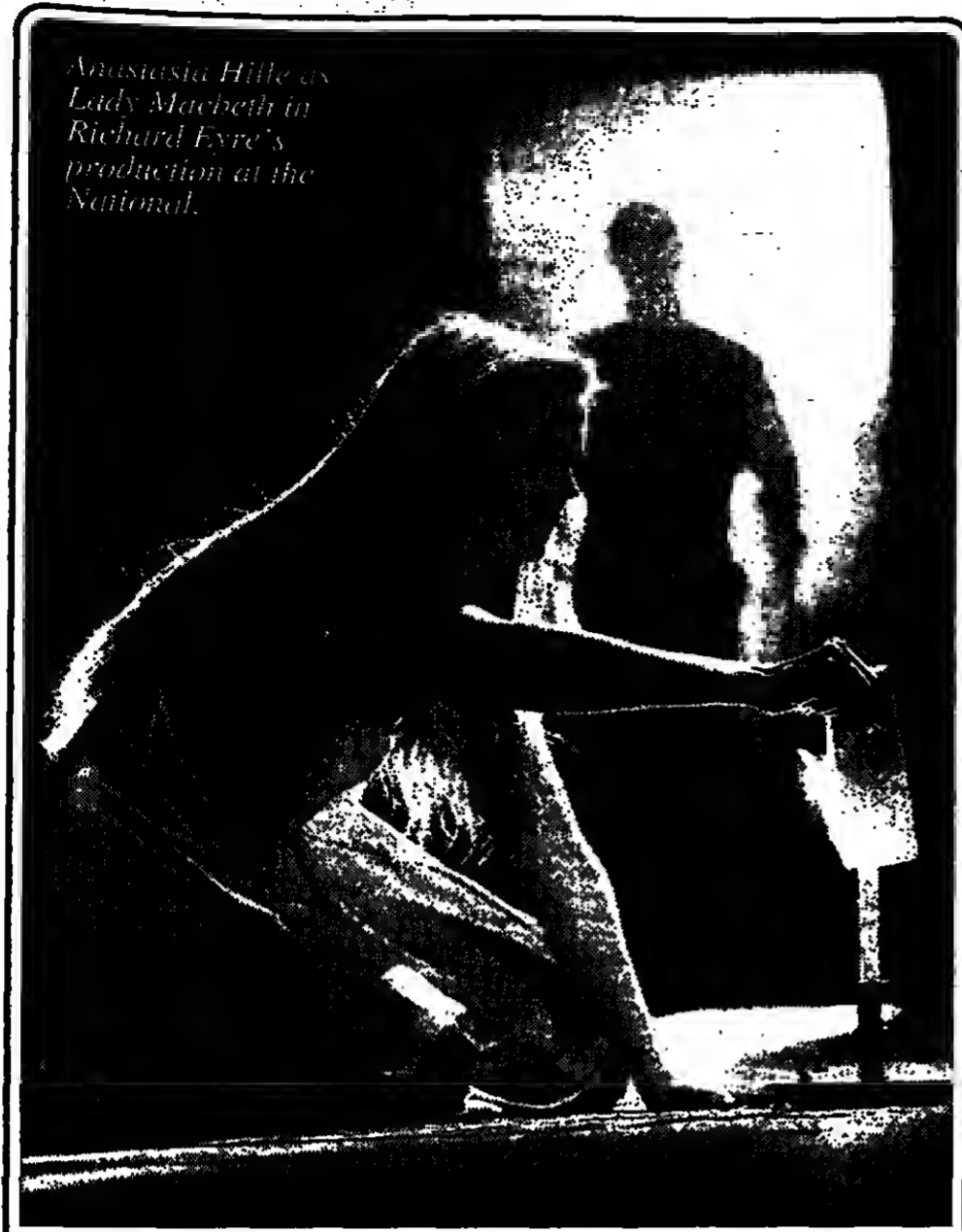
Other Funds

Mr. Watanabe was also deputy prime minister and was regarded as a sure candidate to succeed Mr. Miyazawa...

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LONDON THEATER



Anastasia Hille as Lady Macbeth in Richard Eyre's production at the National.

Turning Up the Burners
A Ring of Witches, a Haunted Macbeth

By Sheridan Morley
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — At the National Theatre, on the Olivier stage, Richard Eyre's new "Macbeth" is a showcase for the haunting, haunted talent of Alan Howard...

A spectacularly black evening with a star turn.

Elsewhere the casting is very thin, with Anastasia Hille looking as if she has just come to Lady Macbeth from a tour of "The Reluctant Debutante" and Malcolm played for some reason as a minor aristocrat out of P. G. Wodehouse...

At the Prince of Wales, "City of Angels" is an unusual urban delight, a huge musical put together by what must have seemed an unlikely trio...

Who Controls Guns on Movie Sets?

By Carla Hall
Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood producers and technicians are stumped after the actor Brandon Lee's death last week on a North Carolina film set...

Lee's death responded with questions: Who was in charge of handing the gun that killed Lee to the actor Michael Masseo, who fired it? Was there a weapons specialist on the set?...

Hollywood Comeuppance
A City Toasts Basinger's Misfortune

By Kim Masters
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Deriving enjoyment from the misfortunes of others is an Olympic event in the movie business. Everyone feels a certain delight when bad things happen to bad people...

Basinger earned a place on the most-dilapidated list a few years ago when she dropped \$30 million to buy an entire town — Braselton, Georgia...

million decision: "Helena" Costs Kim Arm and a Leg. Basinger's balk and the subsequent litigation have evoked a wave of nostalgia in Hollywood...



Kim Basinger: People seem to love to hate her.

course. She's as old as the succubus, a medieval demon who had sex with sleeping men. As old as DeLia, the shearer of masculine locks. As old as Ciro, who turned men into pigs...

Phat Farm: Clothes From a Rap Emperor

By Ian Fisher
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Queen Latifah bought a \$135 canvas jacket from the Phat Farm on its first day of business last week...

Simmons himself did not show up, but the chaos reflected his business style — a frenetic, nonstop pulse-taking of what sells in the multimillion-dollar world of hip-hop music...

generately big. For example, the Scrambler jeans (named after a street term for a hustler, occasionally, a drug dealer) have an only slightly big rear, not the super-sag sometimes seen on the L train...

No, what the Phat Farm really needed on its first day — 20 days behind schedule — was organization and a touch more attitude. "I want you guys to be really looking cool, looking hip," said a jittery Marc Bagutta...

he does the rest of his wide-ranging business. "It's fun and I can afford to do it," said Simmons, 35, head of Rush Communications...

The clothing — designed by two 22-year-old former skateboarding graffiti artists — borrows heavily from Ralph Lauren, the Gap, Timberland and Tommy Hilfifer...

What Happens to an Architect

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Jean-Marie Besse, a deflated, crippled old man nagged by a shrewish wife, whose only consolation is the talent of his son at piano...

Terzief plays two roles in his new vehicle. In its first half he impersonates a deflated, crippled old man nagged by a shrewish wife...

Other winners of Molières included: Michel Amont, best actor, for "L'Église"; Edwige Fenech, best actress, for her farewell performance...

Dining Out. A directory of restaurants in Paris. Includes sections for JARRASSE, CARR'S, LA VILLA CREOLE, COTE SERNE, L'ARBUCI, LE BILBOUET, LE PROCOPE, YUGARAJ, THOUPIEUX, and KERVANSARAY. Each entry lists the restaurant name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the cuisine.

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An Emerging Bargain

Next Steps for Russia

To rescue the sinking Russian economy, three steps are now necessary — one to be taken by the world's rich democracies, the other two by the Russians themselves.

That off, the central bank keeps lending money it doesn't have. The remedy is to provide some hard currency. It is an offer that the seven democracies have an obligation to make clearly and explicitly, at Tokyo.

'Clinton's Package'

Stepping out from the large foreign policy shadow of his predecessor, President Bill Clinton now assumes the risks, and courts the dividends, of embracing a Russian leader who is in deep political trouble at home.

entionally became hostage to obstructions by anti-reform elements in the Congress of People's Deputies. As a result, much of the aid pledged by the Bush administration and other Western governments still remains undelivered.

Don't Turn Off the Radios

The Clinton budget office has a flawed plan to save big bucks on international broadcasting. It would prematurely phase out taxpayer-supported Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, which broadcast to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Iraq's secret police, and the State Department's subsequent rebuke of VOA. RFE and RL had spotty reputations in the Cold War. Only when it ended did everyone learn how grateful their listeners had been.

Other Comment Yerevan Is Dying Recently, Yelena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov's widow, said that conditions in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, are like those in the besieged Leningrad of 1942.

Let's Speak Up for the Democrats in Serbia

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — If you have any ideas about new options in Serbia and Bosnia, the president said on the phone after the summit talks, let me know. So I did.

Clinton said he believed that Mr. Yeltsin would carry out his word and try hard. Meanwhile, Mr. Clinton said, the United States will take a look at its options. I had been told before Vancouver that they could include pushing Britain, France and Russia to approve lifting the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims and severely tightening the sanctions against Belgrade.

Think of Lech Walesa and Vaclav Havel, I suggested. Without strong Western backing and day-to-day attention, could they have lived through communism, let alone moving from house arrest or jail to presidencies? They do not think so.

Free Trade With China Is Perilous for Free Trade

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — The U.S.-China trade issue involves more than those two countries plus Hong Kong, main channel of that trade. It now has so many ramifications that through the prices of key consumer goods the dispute is affecting every country that has an important trade in manufactured goods.

to Chinese export processing plants whose end products go to the United States. East Asia's ultimate reliance on much of its market has not slipped as much as most figures suggest.

ment capital. Thanks to America's missionary zeal to show China the benefits of free trade, Chinese goods have had liberal (and unreciprocated) access to the U.S. market.

Make China a separate issue and continue to deal with other Asian states in the GATT framework.

They rose by 28 percent; sales to an otherwise slow-growing U.S. market jumped by 35 percent, to \$18 billion. Growth is continuing this year at an only slightly reduced pace.

of cheap labor, cheap currency, low taxes and proximity to Hong Kong. China's export successes, partly stemming from competitive devaluation, are starting to be seen in Asia as well as in North America and Europe as much in terms of job losses as of a bilateral trade opportunity.

In addition, China has since late 1989, pursued a policy of keeping its currency highly competitive, particularly against Asian neighbors, through periodic official devaluations.

Lesson for Seoul: Politics and Business Don't Mix

By Donald Kirk

SEOUL — South Korea appears to be split in place a new principle: separation of politics and business. It may not be as vital to democracy as the supremacy of elected leaders over the armed forces, but it is an important and unexpected result of the presidential election in December.

resigned not only as leader of his party but as a party member. The humiliation of Mr. Chung at the hands of a governing establishment that was clearly upset by his criticism of its economic policies is a sifting through records of Hyundai Heavy Industries, which in just 20 years under Mr. Chung had become the world's largest builder of merchant ships and offshore oil rigs.

all that well, even in a cash society. There is a downside. Prosecutors did not act against the abuses of big business until Mr. Chung challenged the political establishment head-on. What he did was not new. In rifting through the Hyundai files, investigators discovered a pattern of payoffs to bureaucrats for favors. Such payoffs have long been known to be common in South Korea. They are as dangerous and destructive a money politics in stifling healthy competition and the entrepreneurial spirit.

Vancouver Was Only a Beginning

By Stanley Fischer

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts The Vancouver summit meeting, the \$1.6 billion assistance President Bill Clinton promised President Boris Yeltsin, is the decision by 19 Western nations to give Russia 10 more years to pay off \$15 billion in debt coming due this year from the first stage of a new form of free-trade diplomacy, economic stringency and technological change. The best course is to modernize — and save the radios.

The essential requirement is for the central bank to rein in the growth rate, which needs to be cut to 5 percent, from 20 to 30 percent. Russia also needs to agree on a budget deficit target and on the need to adhere to a single rate of exchange.

Mr. Kim, as president, will have the skills to promote economic recovery, although he was elected with a decisive 42 percent of the vote. Now that he is president, he may suggest that prosecutors go easy on Mr. Chung. The establishment may decide that he has done his penance by quitting his party posts and getting back to business. Prosecutors may also let up on the Hyundai executives and party workers now in jail or under arrest.

The Russians will need additional direct aid, plus further debt relief.

the next two years, plus even further debt relief, from the West. Large sums, mainly export credits of the type that make up \$932 million of Mr. Clinton's package, have flowed to Russia in the last year. That aid, not tied to economic reform, has been totally ineffective.

When the time is ripe to stabilize the exchange rate, Russia should also have access to the \$6 billion stabilization fund available through the IMF. Of the \$12 billion, about half can come from international financial institutions and half directly from governments. The donor net should be cast wide, to include the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO 1893: Mormons Convene SALT LAKE CITY — The dedication commenced here today (April 6) of the immense Mormon Temple, the building of which has occupied 70 years and has cost no less than five million dollars. 1943: Royal Navy Hero SOMEWHERE IN SCOTLAND [From our New York edition.] Out of the sinking of the Canadian corvette Weyburn has come one of the war's great acts of individual heroism — that of a Royal Navy surgeon lieutenant who risked his own broken and wounded leg to save the lives of 120 men on the destroyer's deck. 1918: Wilson Press On BALTIMORE — On the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of America's entry into the war, President Wilson delivered an important speech at a meeting held here today (April 6). "The young people of America" (Mr. Wilson said) "can be more sure than ever that this cause is their own cause, and should it happen that it be lost it would mean the loss of the place and mission of their own nation in the world. I take you as witness, my compatriots, that at no

Camp David Still Points To Peace

By Meir Rosenne

The writer is president of State of Israel Bonds and former Israeli ambassador to the United States and France. He was an Israeli legal adviser at the Camp David negotiations.

NEW YORK — Parties to the Arab-Israeli talks, which are to resume soon in Washington, can derive some crucial lessons from the principles that led to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty 14 years ago.

Peace cannot be imposed by a third party, nor will it stem from direct or indirect outside pressure. Although the United States played an essential role in the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations, it was not to impose conditions but to exert moral suasion; to act as catalyst and facilitator, not arbitrator or mediator. Peace can be reached through direct negotiations between sovereign and equal states. An agreement can only be based on the understanding that peace is necessary for both sides. The belief that Israel alone needs peace and that therefore it alone must pay a price for it is an insuperable obstacle to peace. The prevailing principle must be equivalence. What we should be asking is, what price are the Arabs prepared to pay for peace? Since it is Israel that would be taking concrete risks, giving up assets vital to its security on the Golan Heights and the West Bank — territory, defensive military installations, productive civilian communities — in exchange for paper commitments, Israel cannot afford to make mistakes. For all other powers, the Middle East issue is economic, strategic, diplomatic. For Israel, the issue is existence. It would be a fantasy, for example, to expect that a great coalition of nations, fielding an army of a half million, would ever be mobilized to save Israel's life, as was the case with Kuwait. The principle therefore is that any future peace agreement must be rigorously self-enforcing, as is the Israeli-Egyptian treaty. Underlying America's indispensable role of honest broker in the negotiations that led to the Camp David peace accord was its longstanding support for Israel's security and well-being. This special relationship, based on historical, moral and political factors — shared democratic faith, values, institutions and aspirations — was understood by Sadat. For Israel to take great risks for peace will require a sense of psychological and pragmatic security based on assurances rooted in its relationship with America. Such a delicately balanced U.S. role would be a necessary element, understood by all parties, in safeguarding future Arab-Israeli peace agreements. America's singular position is all the more indispensable in view of the porous anti-Israelist displays by the United Nations and the European Community — both of which recently passed resolutions condemning Israel's expulsion of the Islamic fundamentalists of Hamas, without mentioning the Hamas commitment to murder Jews as individuals and Israel as a state. Moreover, the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, East and West, and in Russia — in a climate of ethnic hatred and civil war — underscores Israel's mission as haven for Jews escaping repressive regimes, prejudicial policies and chaotic socioeconomic conditions, which have led invariably to discrimination and violence. Israel's vital imperative, therefore — in an age that witnesses the unbearable burden of mass slaughter of Jews, with precious little outside intervention — is to remain a secure democratic bastion of political, economic and defensive vigor, for the sake of saving Jewish lives. This special moral mission, long since integrated into America's conscience and policy, is a crucial factor in Israel's security needs that must be taken account of in all future Arab-Israeli peace agreements. International Herald Tribune

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OPINION

In Messy Ethnic Conflicts, Caution Is the Best Policy

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton came back from the Vancouver summit with President Boris Yeltsin expressing understandable pleasure at the outcome of his first big venture on the international stage.

Perhaps Clinton can find a Churchill to educate us on the new tests we face.

alist has rejected the peace plan on which the Clinton administration, European allies and the United Nations were relying to halt the fighting in Bosnia.

My window on these developments was a weekend conference on Maryland's eastern shore of the Aspen Institute's strategy group, a continuing forum of foreign policy experts, many of them veterans of past administrations.

It was, to put it mildly, a sobering view of the challenges that lie ahead in this post-Cold War era of ethnic conflict and intervention, as the conference title put it.

But that is just the tip of the iceberg. What really came home to me was that President Clinton has the challenge of introducing Americans to a world of ethnic conflicts where most of us are utterly at sea.

But, hey, he wanted to be president. The discussion of ethnic conflict at Wye Plantation bristled with references to "faraway places with strange sounding names," as the old song put it.

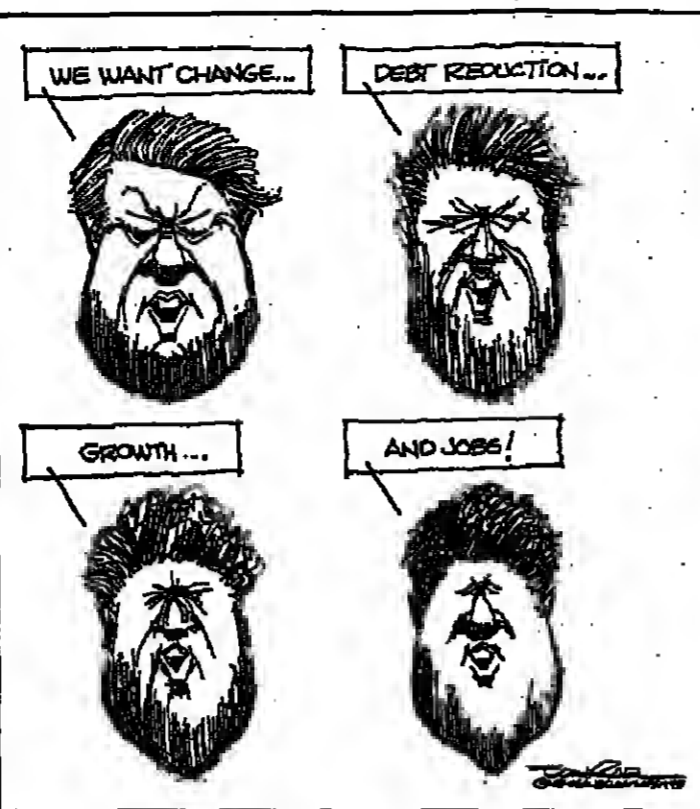
One of the more accessible speakers said in his paper that "by extending diplomatic relations to Armenia but not to Azerbaijan, the United States has further alienated Baku from the West and increased the likelihood of violence in the Caucasus in the short run."

And we have not seen anything yet. Conferees agreed that the international security threat in the Yugoslav struggle is small change compared to the risk of a Russian-Ukrainian conflict, with nuclear weapons on both sides.

Others warned that it will not be long before the United States' efforts to aid Russia will force Washington to confront the question of whether it wants to encourage the breakup of that vast country or have Moscow police its many internal ethnic and nationality conflicts.

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No Need to Worry About Haiti, 'Injustice Will Prevail'

By Herbert Gold

SAN FRANCISCO — A few Sundays ago, I sat over a long lunch in a hillside mansion above Port-au-Prince, looking over the endless mountains and the wide blue bay.

Drinks were served by silent black maids and waiters under trellises in a garden. Then we moved indoors for seafood salad, fresh vegetables, fine French wines, sweets.

My host and the other guests were light-skinned Haitians, army officers, business people, professionals

Everyone without a gun wants Father Aristide back. Everyone with a gun wants to shoot him.

of the sort who traditionally have grown rich in Haiti and recently have grown even richer.

One did a comic imitation of an aristocrat trying to drink from a cup with a saucer and thinking the saucer was used to transfer coffee from the cup to the mouth.

It had gathered money for his passage. The boat builders make money. The captains of these death vessels make money.

The conversation turned to politics, as it usually does in Haiti, where the government offers theater of the absurd for the few and oppression for the many.

Over coffee back in the garden (saucers properly used), a kindly old gentleman with a fine-boned face listened silently. Suddenly he turned and whispered, "I very much want President Aristide to come back."

Inside of Denny, Golden Boy of the '50s

By Edwin M. Feder Jr.

WASHINGTON — Next time the talk turns to the American generation of the 1950s, which happens to be my own, Calvin Trillin's new book "Remembering Denny" will be part of it.

The book has a double meaning for me. The '50s were my salad days, and I knew and liked the gifted, engaging and seemingly cheerful Californian Denny Hansen, Yale graduate (class of '57) and Rhodes Scholar who is its subject.

Mr. Trillin, who was Mr. Hansen's Yale classmate, has taken a strikingly authentic look at the dreams and constraints of a generation, in some ways an in-between generation, born before World War II but too young to fight in it, yet very different from the "baby boomers" who are our younger siblings and children.

As one of Denny's old friends observed, "we were demographically blessed... white males who were born in a baby bust during the Depression and came of age... when the privileged position of white males was so deeply embedded in the structure of the society that we didn't even think much about it."

Mr. Trillin knew Mr. Hansen much better than I did. They belonged to the same senior society in college,

and their friendship continued. But like all the rest of us Mr. Trillin found himself baffled when Mr. Hansen took his own life two years ago — and no less baffled by the dry portrait of Mr. Hansen that emerged from our old friend's academic colleagues at the memorial service in Washington.

Mr. Trillin looked into the story, and soon uncovered more twists and convolutions than he had bargained on. For

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some who had known the former Denny Hansen, the story of his decline and death became almost a paradigm for a generation. Was he one of the "golden boys" of the '50s, ultimately victimized by what someone called it "poisonous template," its overrigid personal and professional demands?

The original Denny was an open-faced Californian with a "million-dollar smile," a fine history student and a competitive swimmer. Some thought his later troubles might have been rooted in his earliest moment of fame, when

Yale publicists chose him as the university's star graduate of 1957 and he was tracked by the famous Life magazine photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt through commencement weekend. (As Mr. Trillin reminds us, Life was then the media equivalent of all three major television networks combined.)

It was years later that this early Chrysler bust, and from it emerged Roger D. Hansen, noted scholar of development economics, briefly a Carter administration National Security Council staff member, and professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

As usual, the Who's Who staff tells us the life of what Denny Hansen was inwardly. All along he had apparently been in mental and physical anguish, troubled by unrevealed self-doubts that rarely broke through the glowing surface.

Was it professional disappointment — achievement that fell short of some exalted mark? A family predisposition to clinical depression? An inadequate early family nurturing?

Failure to establish a secure sexual identity, or to find a life's partner? Intractable back pain in an athlete's body that had once been serviceable beyond the ordinary?

Mr. Trillin examines all the possibilities, in his quest for what transformed the radiant, mesomorphic, gregarious Denny we knew into the gaunt, austere, angrily self-critical, censorious, withdrawn Roger D. Hansen who finally decided to take his life.

One of many admirable qualities of Calvin Trillin's book is that it avoids the parented formulas of "explanation." His instinct warns him that the human personality is largely impenetrable to theory.

My own feeling after reading "Remembering Denny" is that we of the '50s generation did make rigorous demands upon ourselves and upon one another, and that we are sometimes too dangerously reserved to look beneath the surface when an old friend seems suddenly to grow distant or troubled.

We were unquestionably privileged and slow to realize how unfair our favored position might seem to others. On the other hand — discount this as self-serving bias, if you like — we did hold ourselves to standards of self-discipline and professionalism that are possibly rarer in successor generations.

A "poisonous template"? Perhaps. But as Denny Hansen's good and valuable life proves, even in tragic brevity, that template was far from ignoble.

Washington Post Writers Group.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxing Expatriates

It may be timely to remind readers of the trade balance's role in helping to reduce the U.S. federal deficit, and of expatriate Americans' contribution to this end. In times of revenue increases, overseas Americans make tempting tax targets.

I make a lot by U.S. standards, but even after the \$70,000 income exclusion for U.S. taxes I just make ends meet while attempting to provide my family a minimally "American quality" standard of living with modest savings for education and retirement.

Studied made here by Peat Marwick and Price Waterhouse show that it costs U.S. companies about \$310,000 in housing, transportation, services and salary to keep each expatriate employee from giving up and going home. European or Japanese expatriates are not required to pay income taxes to their governments and are therefore cheaper to employ. Unfortunately for U.S. trade, they also tend to specify European or Japanese goods for their projects.

Last year I played a large role in a project that will require \$153 million of capital investment, much of it for American equipment and projects. Over the last few years I have played major parts on many such projects. I am not a major international entrepreneur. I am a contract engineer.

My "contribution" is deemed to be not enough, I may have to give up and take my chances in the economy at home, where my taxes will help educate my own child, I can buy a cheap car and burn cheap gas, and, if I am lucky, maybe even displace someone for a job. I understand I may even qualify for federal retraining benefits.

STEPHEN T. JACOBS, Jakarta.

Pluralism in India

Regarding "India at the Edge" (Editorial, Feb. 25):

The Bharatiya Janata Party is not a communal party, nor is it radical or fundamentalist or non-secular. It is well to remember that India is secular not because of Nehru or his likes but because India is 80 percent Hindu. For thousands of years, Hindu India has welcomed Jews, Christians, Muslims, Parsis, Bahais and others. Secularism and pluralism are inherent in Hinduism. In fact Hinduism is a pluralist religion itself. Hindus believe that God is one but has thousands of names and there are infinite ways to achieve spirituality. Thus Hinduism has no problem in accommodating other faiths.

The secularism which the Congress (I) Party has practiced is based on communalism, unashamedly making alliances with commu-

nal parties such as the Muslim League and choosing candidates purely on communal or caste considerations.

BJP does not believe in destruction of mosques. There are thousands of mosques in India that have not been touched. About the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque: It should not be forgotten that this mosque had been functioning as a Hindu temple; there had been no Muslim worship there for more than 40 years.

On the other hand, thousands of Hindu temples were destroyed by Muslim invaders and mosques were built over the sites. There is a strong movement to build Hindu temples at these sites. These are in Ayodhya and Mathura, the birthplaces of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna respectively, and Benares, all of which are especially holy to Hindus, as Mecca and Medina are to Muslims. BJP supports this movement not because it is anti-Muslim but because these sites have special significance for Hindus.

BJP is a secular party. Its leader in Rajya Sabha (the upper house of Parliament) is a Muslim, Shri. S. Chandrababu Naidu. It is well to remember that it is because of Nehru's secularism that India continues to be one of the poorest, and the most illiterate and backward countries in the world. The BJP will change all that.

V. G. BHATIA, New Delhi.

A Defective Analogy

Regarding the report "Some Pioneers of the Race-Integrated Military Draw the Line at Gay Integration" (Feb. 17) by James Duker:

Ms. Duker's article implies that anyone sympathetic to the civil liberties of blacks ought to be sympathetic to the plight of gays who want to serve in the military. The situation, she seems to say, are analogous: In each case the rights of a minority are trampled by a system fraught with ignorance and bigotry. Those who have suffered, and triumphed over, such persecution ought to be the staunchest supporters of the latest victims. Blacks in the military who oppose gays in the military are guilty of a hypocritical double standard tantamount to betrayal of their own cause.

The argument sounds logical, but it is not. The two situations are not analogous, and a person may, with perfect moral integrity, defend the one and abhor the other.

Contrary to the assumptions of vocal gay-rights advocates, not all those who oppose homosexuality do so out of phobia, prejudice, hatred or fanaticism. Sadly, these do sometimes come into play, and whenever they do, they ought to be most assiduously resisted, as unworthy of enlightened and mature human beings. But these are not the only causes of protest.

The reasons for segregating black troops were at worst bigotry

and at best expedience (e.g. "The sad fact of racial tension would threaten military discipline"), while for many, the present opposition to gays in the military comes from a profound moral conviction that homosexuality (whether innate or acquired) is a distortion of human sexuality and a degradation of persons. These people intuitively sense (even if they cannot persuasively argue) that there is no true inconsistency in defending the absolute equality of all human beings, while at the same time opposing the collapse of public morality. They will continue to resist, some at great personal cost, what they recognize would be severely destructive to the nation they have faithfully and courageously served.

KATHLEEN VAN SCHALIK, Gaming, Austria.

Something in the Air

Bless the French. The law that mandates nonsmoking sections in all restaurants and bars in France became effective late last year. There have been virtually no complaints. However, the ways in which the law is followed are amusing even to an ardent nonsmoker with a passion for clean air. Consider:

A bar in a lovely town in central France has homemade paper signs on nearly every table which declare them to be smokers' tables. The few where smoking is not allowed are of course way in the back, in the worst possible location.

Another restaurant nearby has two tables at the entrance that are designated as nonsmoking. A request to be seated there brought murmuring and head-shaking and a statement to the effect that "but of course you'd rather sit here at the window even though it's the smoking section; not that many people will be smoking anyway." Needless to say, many people were smoking, but who would be so foolish as to argue with the management when hunger is peaking and the fragrances from the kitchen are so divine?

Finally, the best table of all: The maître d' in a crowded Patisserie restaurant, when asked if there was a nonsmoking section, replied, "Oui, madame, but it's empty." The table in the smoking section was accepted — after all, in Paris one must see and be seen. Again, who can argue with the French?

CINDY C. EMMANS, Nunsloch, Germany.

A Sin Tax on Fat

Regarding the report "For Margarine Eaters, Another Slice of Bad News on Risk" (March 6):

As for tobacco and liquor, high taxes should be imposed on fatty foods. If "sin taxes" allow "sinners" to contribute toward health-care costs they cause, then why not a hefty tax on fat, perhaps even a warning label on every pack of butter?

BERNT SYVERTSEN, Minnla.

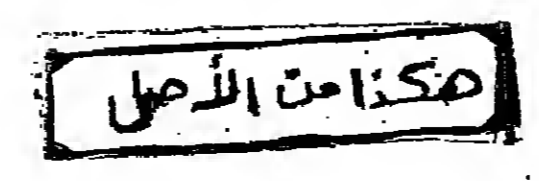
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Kuwaiti Threat Saps Oil OPEC Limits Exceeded, Member Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON—Oil prices softened on Tuesday when Kuwait renewed a threat that it might ignore its production quota if others continued to violate OPEC-assigned limits.

In London, May futures for the world benchmark Brent Blend of crude oil slid below \$19 per barrel, which is seen as an important psychological level. The price of Brent for May delivery was almost 20 cents lower at \$18.88 a barrel on the London International Petroleum Exchange, down from \$19.06 on Monday.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light sweet crude for May delivery fell 32 cents a barrel to \$20.30.

Oil Minister Ali Ahmed al-Baghi of Kuwait wrote to the OPEC president, Aliro Parra of Venezuela, saying that if quota violations did not stop he might ignore his country's quota.

"We find it totally unacceptable that other member countries benefit from our painful sacrifice by increasing their production beyond their allocated production," Mr. Baghi said in the letter. "Consequently, Kuwait will not be obligated to adhere to its production allocation quota unless something major happens." The official, who asked not to be named, pointed out that under an agreement reached by OPEC in February, "we have been promised an increase in our quota at the beginning of July."

The remarks came as the International Energy Agency turned in its latest estimates on March crude-oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Roughly in line with other monitors, the Paris-based oil monitor found OPEC produced 24.55 million barrels daily.

This is down by around 1.15 million from February but it is some 770,000 above OPEC's official ceiling, and traders look for deeper cuts in April to support prices.

Iran has emerged as the biggest alleged quota breaker in most surveys of OPEC output.

But Tuesday's IEA report put Iran slightly lower and saw Saudi Arabia and Kuwait each producing about 100,000 barrels a day more than their quotas. The Saudis denied that.

A three-man OPEC committee that monitors member compliance with production levels will meet in Qatar on Sunday, a day before a full OPEC meeting, a Qatari official said.

The Qatari oil minister, Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiah, will host the meeting with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto and the Libyan oil minister, Abdullah Saleh al-Badri.

The Kuwaiti oil minister's comments were not as bearish for prices as they sounded. He made the same threat a month ago. But all the ingredients are now present for a classic OPEC rift when ministers meet in Oman on April 12. (Reuters, AP)

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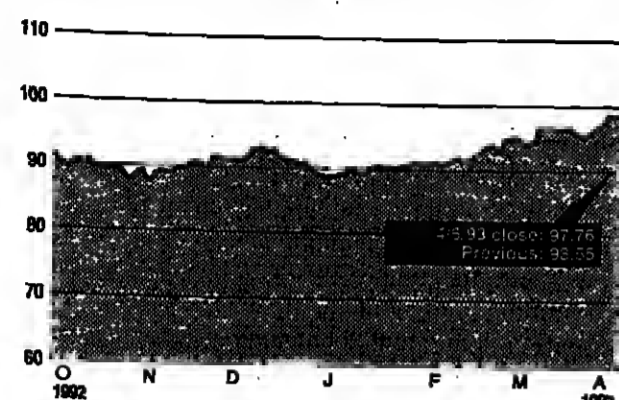
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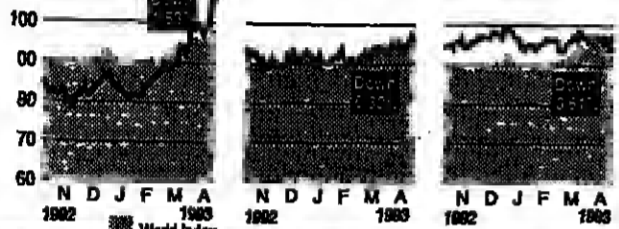


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Utilities	112.43	113.54	-0.98
Finance	96.46	97.93	-1.50
Services	110.49	110.94	-0.41
Capital Goods	100.07	99.98	+0.11
Raw Materials	100.44	100.90	-0.46
Consumer Goods	94.83	95.81	-1.14
Miscellaneous	96.56	96.82	-0.27

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German Workers Plan Stoppages

By Ferdinand Protzman

BONN — A strike in Eastern Germany's metalworking industry appeared more likely on Tuesday after employers rejected a compromise wage proposal and union leaders announced plans for widespread work stoppages in the economically distressed region beginning next week.

Franz Steinhilber, the head of IG Metall, the powerful German metalworkers' union, said its national leaders would vote on April 19 whether to call for a strike vote by its East German membership.

At issue is how rapidly wages of the 300,000 East German electrical and metal workers represented by IG Metall will be raised to West German levels. A contract signed by the union and employers in March 1991 calls for a 26 percent pay increase this month, which would bring the metal and electrical workers in the East up to 82 percent of West German pay levels.

Employers renege on that deal in March, citing the recession in Western Germany, the severe economic slump in the former East Germany and its low productivity levels, which are 70 percent below those in the West. Many companies said they would go out of business if they had to adhere to the agreement.

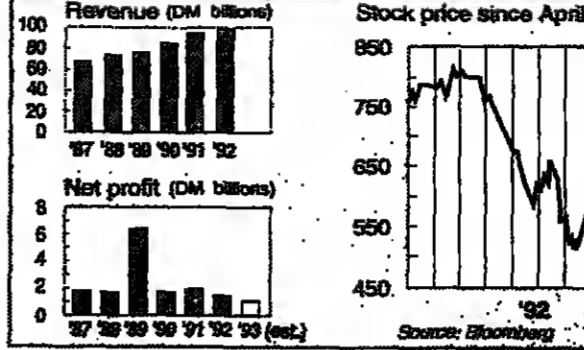
The metal industry employers' federation offered a 9 percent pay increase for this year, which the union has rejected.

Brief warning strikes by tens of thousands of IG Metall's Eastern members began last Thursday but they were suspended Tuesday until after Easter. Union officials said they would be expanded to cover all of Eastern Germany after the holiday.

It appeared that a compromise solution mediated over the weekend by Kurt Biedenkopf, the premier of Eastern Germany's Saxony state, had resolved the impasse by giving workers the 26 percent increase this year, but delaying the next raise until January 1995.

But the national and state employers' associations rejected the offer Monday night.

Daimler-Benz: Bracing For Worse



Divisional net results (DM, million)	'92	'91
Mercedes-Benz	849	1,550
Deutsche Aerospace	-341	-50
AEG	10	-624
Daimler-Benz InterServices	122	123

Daimler Affirms Course as Net Skids

By Brandon Mitchener

STUTTGART — As Germany's biggest company and the world's 10th largest industrial conglomerate, Daimler-Benz AG is often cited as a classic case of what has gone wrong with German competitiveness.

Its Mercedes-Benz car and truck division, once the envy of many a competitor, has been reduced by neglect to an inefficient producer of luxury cars whose flagship model is so expensive that some German managers are embarrassed to drive it. At the same time, Mercedes was milked for years to finance a massive diversification program that has yet to produce the promised results.

Last year, according to figures released Tuesday, Daimler's operating profit, excluding financial results, fell 59 percent to 1 billion Deu-

sch marks (\$625 million), despite a 2 percent increase in group sales to 98.5 billion DM. Net profit fell 25 percent to 1.45 billion DM.

Mercedes, which accounted for 60 percent of the Daimler group payroll and 66 percent of revenue, was still the source of 95 percent of group profit.

This year, sales are expected to stagnate below 100 billion DM, and net profit is forecast to fall a further 25 percent to 30 percent. Group sales were down 25 percent in the first quarter.

Nevertheless, Chairman Eduard Reuter, the man behind the company's transformation from a highly profitable carmaker to a barely profitable global technology and transportation concern, said, "Daimler-Benz is going to continue on the course it has set because, contrary to all the dire predictions of the pessimists, our company is on the right strategic track."

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France Wants Trade Peace With U.S.

By Barry James

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — In the first indication that France's new center-right administration will take a softer line in international trade talks than it promised during its election campaign, the government said Tuesday that Foreign Minister Alain Juppé had been told to seek "trade peace" with the United States.

The announcement prompted a militant farmers' group to accuse the government of a sell-out.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and senior cabinet members set a schedule for putting a new French position on the explosive farm-trade issue to the European Community by the beginning of June. A spokesman for the prime minister said Mr. Juppé had been instructed "to reach a trade peace with the United States."

At a meeting of European foreign ministers in Luxembourg on Monday, officials hailed the reasonableness of the French position, despite campaign promises by the center-right to back the farmers in rejecting a world trade agreement under the auspices of the General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade. The EC trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, called the French stance "very moderate."

Coordination Rurale, a militant group set up in December 1991 to fight proposed reforms in the Community's Common Agricultural Policy, accused the government of reneging on its election promises.

"The new government has stabbed us in the back," its secretary general, Philippe Arnaud, told Reuters. "Those who courted us during the campaign are ignoring us today."

Coordination Rurale was not invited to a meeting between Mr. Balladur and the leaders of farmers unions on Tuesday to explain the government's position.

Although the GATT agreement is likely to stimulate world trade, it would require sacrifices from the farm sector in France, the world's second-largest agricultural exporter after the United States.

The agreement reached by European and U.S. negotiators in November and since blocked by France calls for deep cuts in the subsidies that are paid to make European farm products com-

petitive with the lower world prices. It would also require the French to limit the area of land given over to oilseed production, which directly competes with U.S. products.

Despite the sacrifices, France's 11 EC partners favored accepting the agreement in the interests of broader trade benefits. France alone blocked it. Although the center-right threatened to provoke a crisis within the Community by vetoing the pact, Mr. Juppé toned down the rhetoric in Luxembourg. He said that the defense of French farmers did not necessarily have to end in an international trade crisis.

Mr. Balladur's office stressed on Tuesday that agriculture was just one part of the trade deal.

Mr. Juppé repeated on Monday, however, that there could be no question of France's accepting farm sacrifices that went beyond the 1992 reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The overhaul marked a big step in the direction sought by the United States because it moved toward direct revenue support for farmers and away from price support, which encourages overproduction.

Clinton Said to Seek Fast-Track Renewal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton will ask Congress for 10 more months of special negotiating authority in an attempt to conclude a deal in the stalled talks to liberalize world trade, Germany's economics minister, Ginter Rexrodt, said on Tuesday.

Mr. Rexrodt said that Mr. Clinton would ask Congress to give him until Dec. 15 to negotiate the GATT talks under the so-called fast-track authority. Fast-track gives Congress up to four months to vote for or against any trade agreement negotiated by the president, but rules out any amendments to modify the deal he has concluded.

"We are all under pressure to finalize the discussions," he said. "December 15 — that's a new date."

Mr. Clinton has previously said he wanted to conclude the multinational round of talks this year.

The president's special negotiating authority will expire in June and must be renewed by Congress if Mr. Clinton is to pursue negotiations in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; the talks are at an impasse.

Mr. Rexrodt spoke after his first meetings with officials of the Clinton administration, which reportedly offered assurances that the United States was keen to clinch a GATT agreement. (Reuters, AP)

MEDIA MARKETS

Singapore's Business Times Covets International Role

By Michael Richardson
International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Business Times, the main financial newspaper in Singapore, has large regional ambitions. Early this year, the paper started putting a new motto on its masthead: "We know Asia." Business Times also told readers that it aimed to be Asia's leading business daily by the year 2000.

The paper has already made impressive strides to enlarge its coverage of regional affairs. But there is a long way to go before it can claim to be a publication with a strong circulation throughout Asia.

Of about 26,500 paid sales, only about 1,000 are in regional markets outside Singapore, mainly in Jakarta and Hong Kong. By contrast, the Asian Wall Street Journal, published since 1976 by Dow Jones & Co. of the United States, has an audited circulation of more than 39,000 copies in Asia and the Pacific, and it prints in Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo via satellite.

Yet media analysts are closely watching the attempt by the English-language Business Times to establish a regional presence because they see it as part of a wider Asian effort, encouraged by Singapore and some other governments in the region, to balance or reduce the influence of Western media.

George Yeo, Singapore's minister for information and the arts, has said that Western domination of the media will be temporary because cultural power is based on political and economic power.

In 25 years, he said, the combined gross national product of East Asia will be larger than that of all Europe, and twice that of the United States.

"The unfolding East Asian renaissance will challenge and transform all cultures in the world and change the way man looks at himself," Mr. Yeo said. "The Western domination of the global media will be contested."

Yen Soon Beng, a lecturer in the School of Communication Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, said that efforts by a number of Asian governments, including Singapore, to challenge the Western media by official controls, restrictive

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New GM Cost Cutter: Younger but Wiser?

By Warren Brown

Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp.'s directors, bypassing traditional promotion routes once more, have named one of its youngest officers to take charge of the company's worldwide program to bring large savings out of its parts suppliers.

The selection late Monday of G. Richard Wagoner, who as executive vice president is in the first tier of officials under chief executive John F. Smith Jr., underscores the importance of the cost-cutting program to GM's board.

Mr. Wagoner, a 40-year-old who is GM's chief financial officer, replaces José Ignacio López de Arriortua, a Spaniard who cut GM's purchasing costs in half in less than a year before leaving the company in a bizarre episode.

The 52-year-old Mr. López joined the management board of Volkswagen AG on March 16, after publicly changing his mind several times about whether he would remain with GM. Mr. López left Detroit only a few hours before he was scheduled to appear at a press conference at which Mr. Smith was to announce that Mr. López was to be in charge of all of the company's North American automotive manufacturing and marketing operations.

Mr. López gave no public explanation for his departure, which embarrassed the company's top officials, especially Mr. Smith. In the eyes of many GM officials and industry analysts, Mr. López added insult to injury by taking six other GM executives with him and by trying to lure away 40 more from the automaker's European operations. GM took Volkswagen to a Frankfurt court, which ordered VW to stop the raids.

In a veiled reference to those difficulties, Mr. Smith praised Mr. Wagoner as an "enthusiastic, yet disciplined leader who knows the importance our partners place on common enterprise and long-term relationships."

Mr. Smith said Mr. Wagoner would retain his position as chief financial officer, but those daily staff operations would be turned over to a vice president, Leon J. Krum. That arrangement will allow Mr. Wagoner to focus immediately on his new responsibilities with GM's worldwide purchasing operations, Mr. Smith said.

Chrysler to Take Charge Chrysler Corp. said it would take an exceptional charge of \$4.7 billion in the first quarter to meet new accounting rules to cover post-retirement benefits. AFP-Extel News reported Tuesday from Detroit. The provision will lead to a net loss for the quarter and for the full year but will not affect the payment of dividends.

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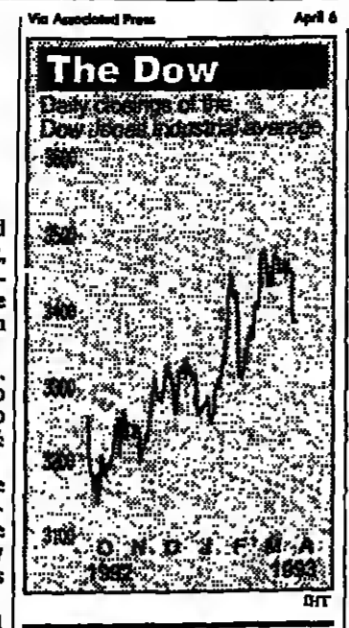
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Mesa May Not Make Interest Payment

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Mesa Inc. still wrangling with bondholders over a proposed debt-exchange offer, said Tuesday it had not determined whether it would pay \$29.3 million in interest due on May 1.

MGM Units Win Claims in Britain

CULVER CITY, California (Reuters) — MGM Inc., controlled by Credit Lyonnais, the French bank, said Tuesday that its Cinema 5 Ltd. and Cannon Exhibition Ltd. units had won a legal victory in Britain.

Hitachi Data Launches Osiris System

SANTA CLARA, California (AFP) — Hitachi Data Systems, a joint venture between General Motors Corp.'s Electronic Data Systems unit and Japan's Hitachi Ltd., announced Tuesday the launch of its own open systems computing strategy, called Osiris.

IBM Introduces ValuePoint Models

SOMERS, New York (AFP) — IBM PC Co., a unit of International Business Machines Corp., announced Tuesday the launch of 40 new models of its Personal Systems/ValuePoint line of personal computers.

Corning Optimistic After Setback

CORNING, New York (Reuters) — Corning Inc., reporting lower first-quarter operating earnings, said Tuesday it remained optimistic that its full-year performance would reflect its record of consistent growth.

For the Record

One of Atlantic Richfield's Four Corners pipelines ruptured outside of Los Angeles, spilling more than 1,000 barrels of crude oil on to the northbound Interstate 5 highway, an Arco spokesman said Tuesday.

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SPORTS SOCCER

In Japan, Halo Clings to Lineker

By Steven Brill

International Herald Tribune
TOYOTA CITY, Japan — The Japanese players for the Grampus Eight, the Nagoya soccer club that is the new home of Gary Lineker, still feel a bit unnatural working out with the English star.

Although it's taking time for Lineker and the Japanese to get acquainted, it is already apparent that Japan could be the last, and most perfect, match of Lineker's career.

track suit under the headline "Expectation." A television campaign will be started in May, meanwhile, the team is also marketing a host of Lineker "character goods," including T-shirts, bath towels and bags.

Lessons to Be Learned

International Herald Tribune

I'm here as a player, not as a coach. The time for criticism will come later.

Gary Lineker

MARSEILLE — Experienced soccer player Gary Lineker has learned a lesson about the fallacy that one man makes a team. How surprising, therefore, to see the smile on the face of France's star, Olympique Marseille's star, when he was substituted at the end of the match.

Ally McCoist, elusive, irrepressible and a poacher par excellence, has struck 51 times this season. Some, but by no means all of his goals owe much to the partnership of Halsey.

Juventus Beats Paris-SG, 2-1, In Last Minute

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TURIN — Italian virtuoso Roberto Baggio scored two second-half goals as he led Juventus of Turin to an unexpected 2-1 victory against Paris-Saint-Germain in a first-leg game of the UEFA Cup semifinals Tuesday night.



Paris-SG's George Weah fighting for the ball with Juventus defender Jurgen Kohler.

said, declining to comment on details of his compensation.

To his credit, Lineker appears bent on not using the money to insulate himself from Japan. His pregnant wife, Michelle, and son George, 14, whose leukemia is in remission, arrived in Nagoya at the end of March. Lineker said their two-bedroom apartment was "perfectly adequate," and that the adjustment was going well.



Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

Qualification for the finals will be decided by a second-leg game in Paris in two weeks.

Packers Reach Agreement With White

The Associated Press
GREEN BAY, Wisconsin — The Green Bay Packers announced Tuesday they had reached an agreement with seven-time All-Pro defensive end Reggie White, the most sought-after of the National Football League's new free agents.

They play on a grass field — White's preference — and improved dramatically last year from 4-12 under their first-year coach, Mike Holmgren.

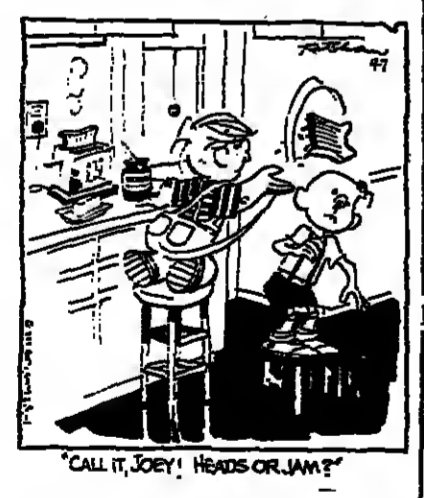
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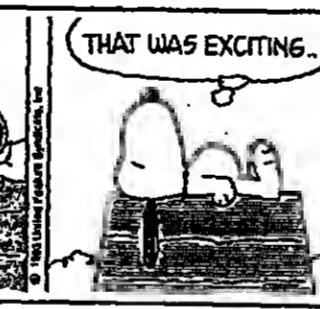
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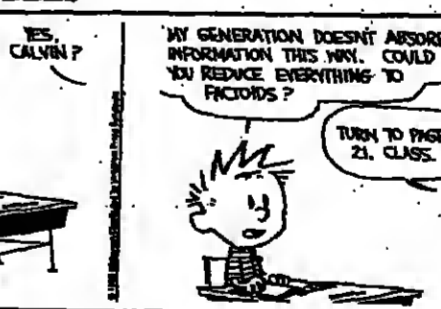
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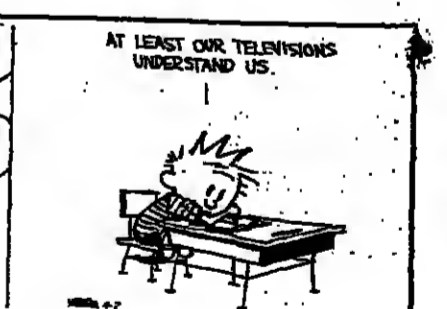
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SPORTS BASKETBALL

Expansion Marlins Beat Dodgers, and That's Not Even the Weirdest Part

By William Booth
Washington Post Service
MIAMI — It may have been opening day for America's pastime, but this is Miami, and so it is right that baseball here is different, because this is the nation's capital of weird.

It is right that the Florida Marlins' shortstop, Alex Azis, possesses an orange-haired voodoo doll. Just as it is right that hundreds, if not thousands, of fans at the Florida Marlins' sold-out season-opener at Joe Robbie Stadium are chatting up their friends from cellular phones and letting them listen to the roar of the crowd and the crack of the bat. Live! Mostly in Spanish. This was from the sell-out crowd of 43,000, gone almost since from a century of major-league baseball deprivation.

It is right, too, that the Marlins — assumed to be a lame expansion team and hence almost worthy of pity (made up as they are of baby-faced youths, old-timers and mercenaries) — won their first major league game Monday, 6-3, against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Justice! The Marlins with 14 hits! But somehow... weird.

Still, this is Miami, not a city to ponder ponderables. And truth is, the new Marlins played a solid game, with good defense, hot bats, and the slow-mo (should we say weird?) knuckleball of the solidly middle-aged Charlie Hough.

"You're always hoping for a day like today," said outfielder Jeff Conine, who singled up the middle in the second inning and scored on shortstop Walt Weiss's triple.

A good day. But typical of expansion humility, Conine said afterward that "I just wanted to make good contact with the ball and not embarrass myself in front of millions of people."

The fans were not so humble. "People should understand that this is a town that knows how to have fun," said Oscar Rojas, a self-described "reaper dealer" (of course) who came to the game with scalped tickets (of course) he bought from an outfit that stopped answering its phones three days ago.

So, again, it is right that there are hot dogs and beer, but also high-octane coffee, omelets, soups, sandwiches (gold cuts on Cuban bread), empanadas (meat turnovers); that local rabbin negotiated with the Marlins' management to move the game from evening to afternoon, so as not to interfere with the beginning of Passover.

South Florida is ga-ga. It is as new love should be: indignant and extremely unrealistic.

But so romantic. Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio tossed out the ceremonial first pitch. Then, the 45-year-old Hough took the mound and a crowd of more than 43,000 stood and cheered his historic first pitch.

The Miami Herald, as blessed out as any, had been running a series of articles counting the days until the opener. Monday, the Herald ran the kind of front-page screaming headline usually reserved for natural disasters, which no one here hopes the Marlins are: "PLAY BALL!"

And why not? Indeed, the day was obscenely perfect, from blue skies and a pennant-snapping breeze off home plate to old man

NCAA Title: Last-Minute Oops! And It's Over

Webber's Error With 11 Seconds Left Allows 77-71 North Carolina Victory



Chris Webber stopped Carolina's Eric Montross, got 23 points and 11 rebounds — but blew the time-out call.

By Malcolm Moran
New York Times Service
NEW ORLEANS — No matter how successful his basketball career may be at the University of Michigan or beyond, Chris Webber will never be allowed to forget the moment, with a national championship in the balance, when he called a time-out his team did not possess.

Webber's error, with 11 seconds left in the championship game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, resulted in a technical foul that ended the hope for a Michigan comeback and allowed North Carolina to secure a 77-71 victory Monday night.

For the second time in Dean Smith's 32 seasons as coach, the Tar Heels won the title with the help of a mistake at a crucial time. Eleven years before, in the same building, a pass directed into the hands of James Wordy by Georgetown's Fred Brown with 5 seconds left sealed a 63-62 victory in the final.

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No Fab Loss For the Fab 5

By Thomas George
New York Times Service
NEW ORLEANS — The second time around for this Michigan bunch in the championship game ended in such a flurry of action, mistakes and then despair that it took the Wolverines a few moments to accept a loss that just did not seem right. Not losing this way.

It's 5-5 in the 10th, Time for the Japanese to Count 'Attack Points'

By T.R. Reid
Washington Post Service
TOKYO — The Japanese have invented a new, improved way of counting the score in a baseball game. The innovative "Attack Points" system was designed not only to pick a winner in long, close games but also to inject some excitement into the famously conservative brand of baseball played here.

In Australia, where fans found baseball too slow, batters are now awarded a walk after three balls, so that 2-2 becomes a full count. The South Korean majors, to appease fans who found the game drab, brightened things up with uniforms of dry-glo green and screaming orange.

ted ties in extra-long games. One reason is that many Japanese big league stadiums are in residential areas, where neighbors won't put up with roaring crowds late into the night. Another reason is that the trains and subways here stop running at midnight, after which many fans can't get home.

With Hiroshima at bat and two out in the bottom of the ninth, the teams were tied both in runs (5-5) and Attack Points (15-15). The Carp had a runner — former Cleveland Indian Marty Brown — at first. In normal Japanese baseball, no manager would ever call a steal at such a crucial point.

The Giants-Carp contest ended after 10 innings in a 5-5 tie — games ending in ties being another Japanese baseball innovation. But because the game was part of the Central League's big pro season tournament, a clear winner was essential. So the league invoked its new tie-breaker scoring system. Since Hiroshima had run up more Attack Points — total bases on hits and steals — the Carp became the first team in baseball's long history to win a game not on runs but on points.

Currently, regular season games are permitted to go 15 innings before they end in a tie.

"One thing was, we needed some kind of tie-breaker," said Ryuzo Shibusawa, executive director of the Central League and the man behind the new plan.

Since the fans were kept abreast of the Attack Point situation, everybody in the stadium knew what Nibel had in mind. On the first pitch, he did it — becoming the first player in history to win a game for his team by sliding into second base. Since both teams went hitless in the 10th inning, that last Attack Point went to the Carp.

Baseball Scoreboard table with columns for Major League Standings, American League, National League, and Monday's Line Scores.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing player transactions including free agents, trades, and signings for various MLB teams.

SOCCER

Table listing soccer results for the English Premier League and other international fixtures.

The Grand National's Big Winner

LONDON — What inside knowledge couldn't do, the Grand National's big luck had done for a nanny in southern Ireland, who Tuesday was enjoying her winnings as one of the few people to make money from the race that was not run.

McCarthy, with 410 points, was sitting on a five-point lead. But the Grand National was worth 50 points to those who had a horse running at Aintree and none of McCarthy's 10 horses were entered, while some of the contestants right behind her in the points stakes had picked highly favored horses.

Table listing NHL Standings and Campbelt Conference.

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OBSERVER

The New Health

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — Listening to experts on the health-care problem is like reading computer manuals. Their brilliance is obvious and indisputable, and I for one — I won't speak for you — can't understand a thing they say. This leaves a person feeling melancholy, as well as stupefied.

free verse and the 4.2 Font/Fitch code are reduced to feeling like dopes.
And now apparently we are to be kicked in the ego again by the health-care problem solvers. The MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour has several under interrogation. MacNeil has an uncanny ability to talk sensibly even to people who look certifiably batty, but when the health-care experts finished with him he looked as defeated as I felt.

Critics' Darling Does All the Wrong Things

By Jan Hoffman
NEW YORK — Ellen Barkin bites into a strawberry and takes a sip of decaf. Slowly, her face crinkles up into her signature lopsided squint-grin. "Just look at this body," she says, at once amused and exasperated. She is pointing to herself.

NEW YORK, in the '60s she ran with a tough girl gang and, in the '70s, she was a snarling downtown waitress par excellence ("I trained at the Mickey Ruskin School of Surly Waitressing"), so she has no problem getting in the face of a screenwriter, a director or a producer. But, she resorts, "having an opinion and sticking to your guns — if you're a man, like Nick Nolte. Al Pacino or Robert De Niro — means 'deeply talented and deeply committed.' If you're a woman, it means 'You're difficult.'"



Ellen Barkin as a mother in her new movie, "This Boy's Life."

something of an anachronism: "She should have been around in the '40s and '50s — she would have thrived in the Gloria Graham and Veronica Lake roles." On the domestic front, he adds quickly, "Ellen is enormously kind and generous and incredibly soft and tender." But, he says dryly, "Those qualities aren't called upon to a great extent on a movie set."

Changing of the Guard At Paris Art Opening

First gig: France's new conservative minister of culture made his first official "ribbon-cutting" since the center-right came to power in a landslide last month. Jacques Toubon presided over the reopening of the Picasso show "Bulls and Bullfighters" at the Picasso Museum in Paris. Toubon succeeds Jack Lang, whose high fashion suits and taste for rap music and graffiti art helped to make him a flamboyant figure in French politics. And no doubt a tough act to follow.

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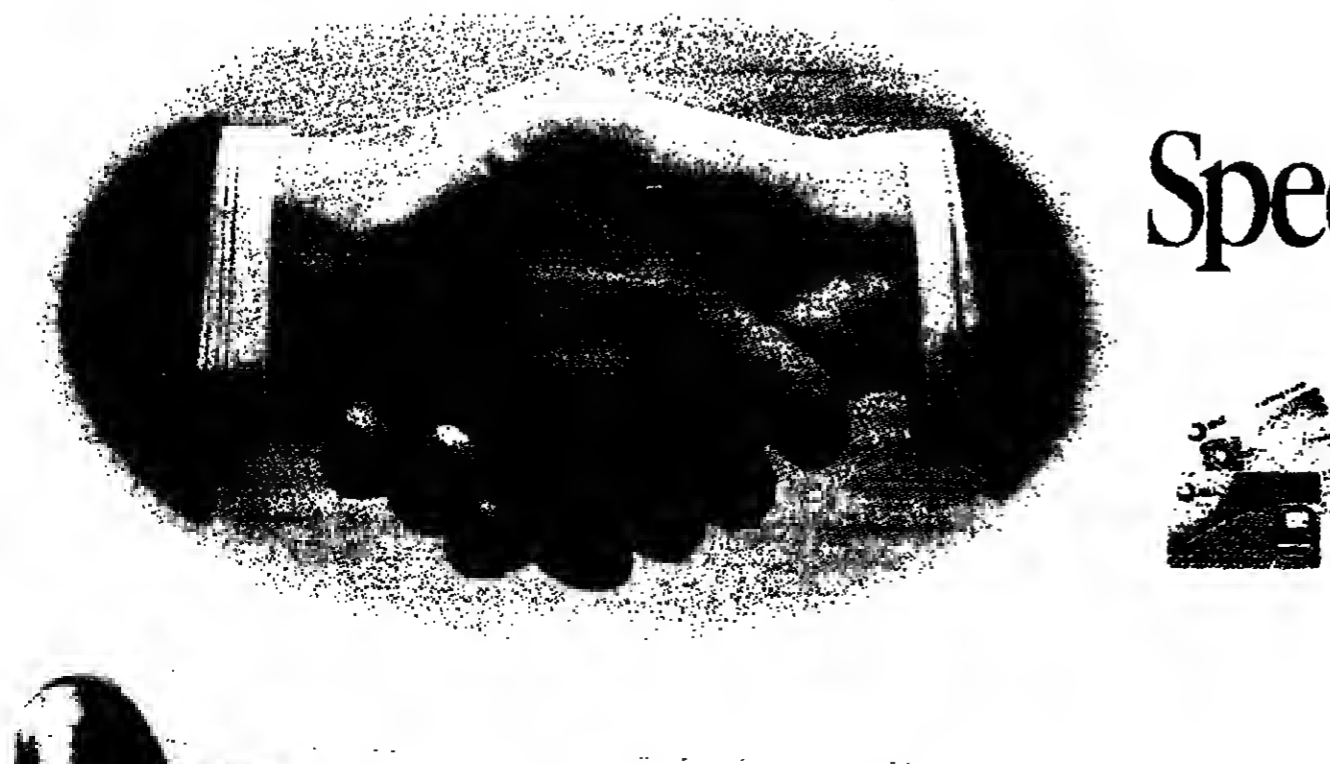
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of April 6.

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Reviewed by Grace Lichtenstein
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